(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to recheck the antecedents of new recruits in Defence forces in the past few years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Grounding of Sukhoi-30 Fighters

125. DR. ALLADI R RAJKUMAR:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sukhoi-30 fighter planes have been grounded on detection of 'nicks' in the engine blandes; and

(b) if so, the action taken to get the defective parts replaced free of cost by the manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft fleet has not been grounded on detection of "nicks" in the engine blades. However, in some Sukhoi-30 fighter engines defects were noticed during routine check up. These engines can be repaired.

(b) Russian specialists have inspected the defective engines. The repair of the routine/normal defects, covered under warranty, will be undertaken by the manufacturer. Those engines, which have completed warranty life, will be repaired at the cost of Ministry of Defence.

Occupation of defence land

126. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private parties including Army Wives Welfare Association who have been occupying defence lands and have not got lease agreement renewed;